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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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State Plan Amendment (SPA) NH-22-0052: *Addition of an Adult Dental Benefit within the Alternative Benefit Plan*

Notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire (NH) Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) is proposing to amend the Title XIX State Plan to update the Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP; this is for Medicaid's expansion group eligibility category, called Granite Advantage) to include coverage of an adult dental benefit for beneficiaries age 21 and older.

Effective April 1, 2023, the Department proposes to provide an adult dental benefit for beneficiaries ages 21 and older in order to provide diagnostic, preventive, limited periodontics, restorative, and oral surgery services. Provision of the adult dental benefit within the ABP will align with provision of this benefit established via SPA NH-22-0051, for coverage under the Medicaid State Plan, as well as with cost sharing provisions established via SPA 22-0053; these SPAs will be submitted in December 2022 to meet the proposed effective date of April 1, 2023. (New Hampshire's Medicaid State Plan and its ABP are fully aligned.)

The federal and non-federal fiscal impact associated with the proposed adult dental benefit within the ABP is estimated to be as follows:

Adult Dental Benefit	Non-Federal Fiscal Impact (10%)	Federal Fiscal Impact (90%)	Total Fiscal Impact
Federal Fiscal Year 2023: 4/1/23 – 9/30/23	\$772	\$6,953	\$7,725
Federal Fiscal Year 2024 10/1/23 – 9/30/24	\$1,545	\$13,905	\$15,450

This estimated fiscal impact reflects only the costs associated with ABP beneficiaries who are excluded from coverage under the Department's 1915(b) waiver; this waiver establishes authority to enroll most beneficiaries into a managed care organization that is specifically for the adult dental benefit. Costs associated with beneficiaries who obtain their dental benefit services while enrolled in the dental managed care organization are accounted for separately. The above table shows estimated fiscal impact for the small portion of ABP beneficiaries who may be covered via fee for service (FFS) instead of via the dental managed care organization.

The State will assure compliance with 42 CFR 440.345 to provide full access to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services for individuals in the expansion population who are under age 21 as required by law and regulation, and consistent with current state policy regarding the delivery of these services. Any EPSDT services not included in the Medicaid managed care plan benefit package will be provided through the State's fee-for-service Medicaid program. Other covered services will include medically necessary services as prior authorized, as well as other services required to be covered pursuant to state or federal law, regulation or policy. The State will describe the process to access these benefits in notices sent to all individuals receiving the ABP benefit package.

The State also assures compliance with the provisions of Section 5006 (e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 regarding certain protections for American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) populations. This includes sending notice to individuals who are AI/AN and informing them that they are

exempt from co-payments if they are eligible for or have ever received services from an Indian Health Care Provider. Notice shall also include information about the continuing ability to receive care from Indian Health Care providers in or out of state and/or the managed care provider network.

Copies of draft State Plan pages are available. Please contact Janine Corbett at (603) 271-9421, or via e-mail at janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov, to request copies. The amendments to the State Plan pages may undergo further revisions before and after submittal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) based upon public comment or CMS feedback. **Comments will be due by December 27, 2022** and should be e-mailed to janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov or mailed to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid Services, 129 Pleasant Street–Brown Building, Concord, NH 03301-3857, ATTN: Janine Corbett.